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Letter to Capt. Gideon Brunson, [illegible] 1779

Dr. Sir.

In consequence of repeated applications to me by the principal inhabitants of this State I have ordered one hundred rivers of Colo. Warrens Regiment properly officered to be got ready immediately on the reception of their orders and to hold them in readiness to march at a minutes warning to your assistance whenever you shall certify him that the Lakes are clear of Ice which I desire you to do as soon as you shall come to the knowledge of it.

I shall send some direction to the inhabitants to remove the particulars of which I cannot well insert here must refer you to the bearer Capt. Fafett

I am dear Sir your most obedient humble servant
Thos. Chittenden

Capt. Gideon Brunson
N. B.

I am informed by Capt. Fafett, that the inhabitants of Pittsford have agreed to build a piequet in some convenient part of that town at their own expence. I would therefore recommend to you to afford them a detachment from your command on the completion of the Piequet and the arrival of Colo. Warren's Militia.

T. C.

Co. Ms

Letter to Capt. Brownson (Copy)

Arlington 12th March 1779

Sir.

As it was omitted in the other Letter, to advise you in regard to the inhabitants of Castleton, and as I have recommended it to them to build a picquet Fort in that Town, would advise that on the arrival of the Militia from Colo. Warren's Regiment you send them some relief to keep the same

Your humble servant

Thos. Chittenden

Capt. Gideon Brownson

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Letter to Col. Warren and orders (Copy)

Arlington 2d. April 1779

Sir.

This Board of War having taken into consideration the situation of the northern frontiers of this State, have resolved to raise a further supply of Troops for their security.

Therefore you are hereby commanded forthwith to furnish 3 Draught, one Captain, one second Lieutenant and fifty able bodied effective men (in Lieu of the hundred last ordered) and have them every way equipped with arms and every other necessary for a Campaign in defending said frontiers to continue in service sixty days from the day they march (unless sooner discharged) and their pay to commence two days before they march — You will cause them to march agreeable to the orders for marching the hundred last ordered

Orders sent since for one Serjeant
in Lieu of a 2d Lieutenant.

Thos. Chittenden Capt. Gen.

To Col. Gideon Warren.

Similar orders above sent to the following Colonels & Regiments

	Capt.	1st Lieut.	2 Lieut.	Private
(Brig). Col. Sam. Fletcher	1	0	1	35
Col. Sam. Herrick	0	1	0	35
Col. Marsh	1	1	0	30
			Total	100

Arlington 2d. April 1779

Necessity obliges this Board to call on you at this time for the assistance of such part of your Regiment as named in the order herein closed to you.

You will readily conceive that the Lakes will soon be clear of Ice, and in consequence the frontier inhabitants of this part of the State will be immediately exposed to the rage of the enemy; the requests of those inhabitants are pressing, loud and repeated.

I flatter myself your men will chearfully turn out on this occasion as I have reason to expect by Mr. Fay's favourable return from head quarters that provision will be made to defend the frontier from a different Quarter, and perhaps sooner than sixty days which if done, the men will be sooner discharged.

I am Dear Sir

Your humble servant. Thomas Chittenden

Copy of the above Letter

sent to Lol. S. Fletcher Colo. S. Herrick, Colo. Joel, Marsh, Colo. Gideon Warren

Sec. of War 151

Copy of orders to Col. Warren

Pursuant to a Resolve of the Board of War of Yesterday

You are hereby commanded immediately on the reception of this to detach or draught one Ensign and twenty five able bodied effective non Commissioned officers and Soldiers of your Regiment and have them every way equipped with arms and every other necessary for a campaign in defending the Northern frontiers to continue in service forty days from the time of their marching. You will cause them to march to Rutland as soon as possible and they are to be under the Command of Captain Thomas Sawyer who is to be their Captain and Commands the post.

Given under my hand at Arlington this 14th day of May 1779

Colo. Herrick has orders if the like Quota Tenor save Lt. one } Thomas Chittenden Capt. Gen.
Lieu & Ensign.

Copy of a Letter to Colo. Warren

Arlington May 14th. 1779.

Dear Colonel.

I have received your favour of the 16th. instant some days since but have thought proper to wait the determination of the Board of War before I answered it. by the Inclosed orders you will see the present determination of the Board of War.

Your Exertions at the time of Capt. Bowerson's being ~~taken~~ called away your disposition of the Militia and care for the fort greatly pleases me.

I perceive by Capt. Sawyers return that there is yet 13 men behind ~~the~~ of the 60 days men. I beg of you to take care that they be sent on without delay as also those in the inclosed order.

I flatter myself this will be the last we shall have occasion to call

for this Summer, and had not Capt. Brownson been unluckily called away we should not had occasion to call this last time.

I am dear Sir your most obedient servant.

T. C.

Copy of orders for Captain Thomas Sawyer commanding at fort Ranger dated Alington May 14th. 1779

The design and object of a garrison's being kept at your post is to prevent the Incursion of the Enemy on the northern frontiers and to annoy them should they come within your reach; as there are two other posts one at Castleton and one at Pittsford dependant on yours you are to take care that they be properly manned and provided for proportionable to your strength at fort Ranger. You will keep out constant scouts towards the Lake so as to get the earliest intelligence of the motions and designs of the Enemy. You will keep the command of Fort Ranger and the other posts depending until otherwise ordered by me or until some Continental officer shall take the command. You will post the earliest intelligence of the motion of the Enemy to me and guard against surprise

Given under my hand

Thos. Chittenden Capt. Gen.

Copy of Letter to Colo. Herrick

Arlington May 14th 1779

Dear Colonel.

Capt. Brownson's being called away from Rutland has occasioned the within order which there is the greatest necessity to execute.

I find by Capt. Sawyers return that 13 of the 60 days men have not yet arrived at Rutland from your Regiment I do earnestly request you to examine into the cause of the delinquency and cause them to be forwarded without delay as also those in the inclosed order, as the Inhabitant are under great apprehensions of the Enemy's coming upon them

I remain Sir your very humble Servt

Thd. Chittenden

Colo. Herrick

Board of War Arlington 29th July 1779

Sir

Yours of the 26th and 27th instant Lieutenant Bostwick together with a Letter from a No. of the Inhabitants of the town of Rutland I have laid before this Board in consequence of which the board have ordered one Company of Rangers to be forthwith Raised consisting of fifty able bodied Volunteers exclusive of Commissioned officers to be sent to your immediate assistance, who are to continue in service till the 15th of November next, and in the meantime (while this Company is a Raising) measures are adopted (which the Board conceive) will be sufficient to secure the Inhabitants in the frontiers You will Communicate this to the Inhabitants of Rutland &c. and let them know that nothing shall at any time be wanting (in the power of this Board) to render their situation as secure as the nature of the ground will admit

I am Sir your humble Servt
Thomas Chittenden

To Capt. Thomas Sawyer

Board of War Arlington 31st. of July 1779

Sir.

You are hereby directed to issue your order to the several Field officers commanding the severall Regiments of Militia within this State to see that their men be well armed and every way Equipt. and that they hold themselves in Readiness to march at a minutes warning for the defence of the frontiers of this State

by order of the board

Jonas Fay Secy. P.T.

Brigadier Gen. Allen

Arlington 30th July 1779

Sir.

Pursuant to a Resolution of the Board of War, you are hereby required to raise six ~~Dollars~~ able bodied effective men of your Regiment, and order them marched to the Post at Newtown and delivered to the Commanding officer on the fifteenth day of August, who are to continue in service in guarding the frontiers two months unless sooner discharged, and make return of your doings hereon to this Board as soon as may be.

By order of the Board

Jonas Fay Secy. P. Temp.

Col. Gideon Warren

In Council Arlington 29th July 1779

Two Letters from Capt. Thorpe Sawyer, commanding the post at Rutland, dated 26th & 27th instant requesting assistance in Guarding the frontier inhabitants of this State and a Letter and Petition from the inhabitants of said Rutland of the 27th instant of the same purport was read—

Arlington 6th August 1779

Sir.

The Board of War having resolved to raise by inlistment fifty able bodied effective men as a Company of Rangers to guard the frontiers until the sixteenth day of November next unless the circumstances of the War should admit of their being sooner discharged.

That each non-commissioned officer and soldier be allowed three pounds p.r month in addition to his Continental Pay. That the Captain be allowed in addition to his Continental Pay and for recruiting money the sum of three hundred Pounds the Lieutenants Two Hundred Pounds each:

You are appointed by the Board to command the Company & Lt. Spencer of Bennington first Lieutenant who has accepted it is left with you to nominate your other officers — I desire you to repair immediately to me to receive the necessary orders for yourself & them at which time you will be made acquainted with the manner of Payments both for the officers & eighty pounds Bounty to each non-Commissioned officer and Soldier

I am Sir. your humble Servt.

Nics. Cruttenden

Capt. Farnsworth Allen

P.S. I earnestly desire you to accept of this appointment. But if any extraordinary matter should prevent it, you will acquaint the bearer therewith that another might be appointed without loss of time —

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Arlington April 6th. 1780

Board of War met ~~pro tempore~~ Present Joseph Bradley Ebnr. Allen. Jonathan Gaspett. Isa Allen Esquires ——

April 7th. 1780 Board of War met Saml. Robinson Esqr. joined.

Resolved that Joseph Bradley Esqr. be Vice President. Read a Letter from the Inhabitants of the frontiers.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock

Met at time and place. Col. Brownson in the Chare

Resolved that this Board accept of the report of their Committee Respecting building a fourt at Pittsford &c

Resolved That said fourt be built near the north Line of Pittsford where Majr. Ebenr. Allen shall judge Proper That said fourt be a Piquit with proper flankers with Barracks sufficient for one Hundred & fifty men Inclosed That such fourt be accomplished as soon as may be.

Resolved that a Piequit fourt with proper flankers be built at Hubbardton near Brownsons Place where Majr. Ebnr. Allen shall pitch that there be Barracks sufficient for seventy five men Inclosed to be compleated as soon as may be

Resolved That one Company of seventy five men Exclusive of officers be immediately raised to joine Majr Ebenr. Allen for the defence of the frontiers

Resolved that said men be raised from the several Regts. in the following Proportion.

Viz	Col. Harrich's Regt	24
	Col. Allen's Regt	18
	Col. Warren's Regt	8

Col. Fletcher's Regiment ——— 13
Col. Marsh's Reg[t] ——— 12
Total 75

Resolved that Capt. Isaac Clark Take the command of said Company. That Lieut. Benj. Everst be first Lieut. That Rufus Branch be second Lieut.

Resolved That said officers and soldiers Continue in service untill the first day of January Next unless sooner discharged.

Resolved That the pay of said officers and soldiers be the other Part of Majr. Ebenr. Allen's Command.

Resolved That Colo. Warren Raise said eight men out of the towns of Wells. Clarenden. Tinmouth and Wallingford

Resolved That the foregoing Resolutions be Recommended to His Excellency Thos. Chittenden Esqr. to carry in Execution

Resolved. That Capt. Jonathan Fassett be & he is Hereby appointed Commissary of Purchases with full power to appoint an assistant or assistants and you or those you shall Hereafter appoint to assist you are fully impowered to purchase any kind of Provision or Camp utensials for the use of this States Troops and to pledge the faith of this State for the payment of the same and to make up for any depretiation of money that may be from the time of Purchase to the time such money be paid and you are further impowered to appoint such person or persons as you may from time to time find necessary to forward such Provision to the several necessary posts in the frontiers Taking the usuing Commissary's Receipts for the same. You will keep regular accounts of your time and Expenses and that of your assistants and all the purchases

made as aforesaid in order to Exhibit to this 45 Board for adjusting & Settlement when thereto required—